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**TO:** Members, Wisconsin State Senate  
**FROM:** Matt Sande, Director of Legislation  
**RE:** **Senate confirmation of UW Hospital & Clinics Authority Board appointees**

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Pro-Life Wisconsin encourages you to vote **NO** on the confirmation of **Roger Axtell** and **Mike Weiden** as appointees to the University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics Authority (UWHC) Board. Roger Axtell and Mike Weiden both voted in favor of establishing a second-trimester abortion practice at the Madison Surgery Center (MSC), a joint venture between the UW Medical Foundation, the UWHC, and Meriter Hospital. Both healthy and disabled babies 19 through 22 weeks old will be “terminated” by dilation and evacuation (D&E), the standard abortion method used after 13 weeks whereby the cervix is dilated and the unborn child is dismembered with plier-like forceps. Force is needed to pull the baby apart.

Abortion is not health care. And barbaric late-term abortion procedures that are painful to the baby and dangerous to the mother’s life and health are certainly not health care. By voting for the MSC’s late-term abortion practice, Roger Axtell and Mike Weiden have failed in their duty to provide true health care to those most in need of it: vulnerable women and their even more vulnerable preborn children. They totally ignored life-saving alternatives such as special needs adoption or pre-natal hospice care. Their lack of compassion and concern for the lives of mothers and their preborn children makes them unfit to serve on the board of our state’s flagship hospital.

Again, we encourage you to vote **NO** on the reappointment of Roger Axtell and Mike Weiden to the UWHC Authority Board. The Wisconsin Senate needs to confirm board members who are willing to do the hard work of finding humane and compassionate alternatives to abortion. Thank you for your consideration.